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VIA COURIER

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Wireline Competition Bureau P.O. Box 358145 Pittsburgh, PA 15251-5145 COMELION NOV 06 2002

Re:

Application of Looking Glass Networks, Inc. and Lightwave Communications, Inc. for Domestic Section 214 Authorization to Transfer Assets

Dear Ms. Dortch

On behalf of Looking Glass Networks, Inc. ("LGN") and Lightwave Communications, Inc. ("Lightwave"), enclosed please find an original and six (6) copies of the application for Commission approval to transfer Lightwave's assets to LGN. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$815.00, payable to the FCC, which satisfies the filing fee required for this application under line 2.b. of Section 1.1105 of the Commission's rules.' Please date-stamp the enclosed extra copy of this filing and return it in the envelope provided.

Please direct **any** questions regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Hace R. Chiu

Counsel for Looking Glass Networks, Inc.

Enclosures

See FCC Suspends Collection of the July 2002 Amended Schedule of Application Fees, *Public Notice*, DA 02-2513 (rel. Oct 4, 2002).

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In the Matter of the Application of)	
LOOKING GLASS NETWORKS, INC., Transferee,)	
and)	
LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC., Transferor,)	WC Docket No. 02
For Domestic Section 214 Authorization To Transfer Assets)	

APPLICATION

I. INTRODUCTION

Looking Glass Networks, Inc. ("LGN" or "Transferee") and Lightwave

Communications, Inc. ("Lightwave" or "Transferor") (LGN and Lightwave, together,

"Applicants"), by their undersigned counsel, hereby request authorization pursuant to Section

214 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, and the Commission's Report and Order issued in CC Docket No. 01-150, for Lightwave to transfer substantially all of its assets, including its wholesale customer base, to LGN. Lightwave is a facilities-based provider of metro optical access services, offering interconnection between major carrier hotels, data centers and Verizon central offices within the Washington, D.C. to New York City corridor. LGN is a facilities-based provider of metropolitan data transport services for carrier and enterprise customers.

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⁴⁷ U.S.C. § 214,

Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations, Report and Order, CC Docket No. 01-150, I7 FCC Rcd 5517 (2002) ("Streamlining Order') (modifying its filing requirements for asset acquisitions).

II. INFORMATION REQUIRED UNDER SECTION 63.04(a)

In support of this Application, Applicants submit the following information pursuant to Sections 63.03 and 63.04(a) of the Commission's rules.³

(1) Name, address and telephone number of each applicant

Transferee: Looking Glass Networks, Inc.

1111 West 22nd Street

Suite 600

Chicago, Illinois 60523 Tel: (630) 242-2000 Fax: (630) 242-2001

Transferor: Lightwave Communications, Inc.

14304 Greenview Drive

Suite 302

Laurel, Maryland 20708 Tel: (888) 953-9300 Fax: (301) 953-2454

(2) State of organization.

Transferee: Transferee is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

Transferor: Transferor is organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

(3) Contact person for this Application.

Correspondence and communications concerning this Application should be

directed to:

For Transferee:

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⁴⁷ C.F.R. §§ 63.03 and 63 04(a).

For Transferor:

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Washington, DC 20036 Tel: (202) 955-9600 Fax: (202) 955-9792

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(4) Ownership of Applicants.

Transferee: The following entities directly or indirectly own ten percent (10%)

or more of the equity of Transferee:

Looking Glass Networks Holding Co., Inc. (a) Name:

("LGN Holding")

1111 West **22nd** Street Address:

Suite 600

Chicago, Illinois 60523

Citizenship: U.S.A. 100% Percentage Owned:

Principal Business: Holding company

The following entity directly owns 100% of the equity of **LGN Holding:**

Name: Looking Glass Networks, LLC ("LGN LLC") (b)

1111 West 22nd Street Address:

Suite 600

Chicago, Illinois 60523

U.S.A. Citizenship: Percentage Owned: 100%

Principal Business: Holding company

The following entities directly hold membership interests in **LGN LLC**:

Madison Dearborn Capital Partners 111, L.P. (c-1) Name:

("MDCPIII")

Three First National Plaza - Suite 3800 Address:

Chicago, Illinois 60602

U.S.A. Citizenship: Percentage Owned: 70% Principal business:

Investment

The general partner of **MDCP III** is:

Name: Madison Dearborn Partners 111, L.P.
Address: Three First National Plaza - Suite 3800

Chicago, Illinois 60602

Citizenship: U.S.A. Principal business: Investment

(c-2) Name: Battery Ventures VI, L.P. ("Battery VI")

Address: 20 William Street

Wellesley, Massachusetts 02481

Citizenship: U.S.A. Percentage Owned: 19%

Principal Business: Private equity investor

The general partner of **Battery VI** is:

Name: Battery Ventures VI, LLC

Address: 20 William Street

Wellesley, Massachusetts 02481

Citizenship: U.S.A.

Principal Business: Private equity investor

No other person or entity directly or indirectly owns ten percent (I 0%) or more of the equity of LGN, the Transferee.

<u>Transferor</u>. No person or entity directly or indirectly owns ten percent (10%)

or more of the equity of Transferor.

(5) LGN certifies pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's rules that it is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 3301.

LightWave certifies pursuant to Sections 1.2001 through 1.2003 of the Commission's rules that it is not subject to a denial of Federal benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 3301.

(6) <u>Descriution of the transaction</u>

Applicants request Commission approval for LightWave to transfer substantially all of its assets, including its wholesale customer base, to LGN.

(7) Description of geographic areas served by Applicants and their affiliates.

Transferee: LGN builds, owns and operates metropolitan fiber optic networks,

providing data transport services to primary carrier hotels, ILEC central offices, key enterprise buildings and other major data aggregation facilities located in the largest U.S. metro areas, including Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York/Northern New Jersey, San Francisco/San Jose, Seattle and

Washington D.C./Northern Virginia.

Transferor: LightWave is a facilities-based provider of metro optical access

services, offering a seamless optical interconnection between major carrier hotels, data centers and **Verizon** central offices within

the Washington, D.C. to New York City corridor.

(8) Streamlined Treatment.

Applicants respectfully submit this Application qualifies for streamlined treatment because, as explained below, the proposed asset transfer does not have the potential to harm the public interest.

The Commission in the *Streamlining Order* established a presumption for transactions where neither of the applicants is dominant with respect to any service and the transaction would result in less than 10 percent market share! The Commission noted that it based its presumption upon guidelines suggesting that "total combined market shares of less than 10 percent in markets that are 'moderately concentrated' -- or even highly concentrated -- are unlikely to have adverse competitive consequences and ordinarily require no further analysis."'

Applicants submit that the proposed asset transfer transaction is unlikely to have adverse competitive consequences and requires no further analysis because: (a) neither Applicant is dominant with respect to any service and (b) the market presence of Transferee following the transfer of assets will be less than 10 percent.

The Commission also found that "transfers of incumbent LEC local exchange assets are unlikely to raise the potential of competitive harm and therefore are eligible for presumptive streamlined treatment." Given that Applicants are nondominant carriers, the proposed transfer of assets from Lightwave to LGN is even less likely to raise the potential of competitive harm than a comparable transfer of local exchange assets between ILECs. Having concluded that the latter category of asset transfers qualifies for presumptively streamlined treatment, the Commission should accord streamlined treatment to this Application.

Streamlining Order, 17 FCC Rcd at 5532-33; see also 47 C.F.R. § 63.03(b)(2)(i).

Id at 5533 n.65.

Because the proposed asset transfer has no potential to result in harm to the public interest, Applicants respectfully submit that this Application qualifies for streamlined processing.

(9) Related Applications.

No other FCC applications relate to the transaction that is the subject of this Application.

(10) Special Consideration,

Applicants anticipate that the asset transfer described herein will take place on or about December 12, 2002, and therefore respectfully request that this Application be placed on public notice no later than November 11,2002.

Applicants are not requesting special consideration of this Application because either is facing imminent business failure.

(11) Waiver Requests.

No waiver requests have been filed in conjunction with this transaction.

(12) Statement of Public Interest.

Grant of this Application will **serve** the public interest, convenience and necessity by promoting competition among telecommunications carriers. Specifically, approval of the proposed asset transfer will enable LGN to strengthen its competitive presence in the geographic service areas where Lightwave's network assets **are** located and to concentrate its resources and expertise on providing innovative and diversified transport service offerings for carriers serving these markets. These enhancements will inure directly to the benefit of Lightwave's affected carrier customers as well as indirectly to consumers generally in the domestic telecommunications marketplace.

III. <u>CONCLUSION</u>

Wherefore, for the reasons stated herein, Applicants respectfully submit that the public interest, convenience and necessity would be furthered by grant of this Application for domestic Section 214 authorization for Lightwave to transfer substantially all of its assets to LGN.

Respectfully submitted,

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LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

Dated: November 6,2002

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of Looking Glass Networks, Inc., I hereby certify that the statements in the foregoing Application for Domestic Section 214 Authorization To **Transfer** Assets are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

LOOKING GLASS NETWORKS, INC.

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Title: Vice President & General Counsel

November 5.2002

CERTIFICATION

On behalf of Lightwave Communications, Inc. I hereby certify that the statements in the foregoing Application for Domestic Section 214 Authorization To Transfer Assets are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and are made in good faith.

LIGHTWAVE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

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